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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS, TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS.
NEA AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT.

EB - JOSEPH A. GREENWALD

1. STEEL IMPORTS. FROM CONVERSATIONS TODAY WITH
FRED DENT'S DEPUTY AND THE ECONOMIC MINISTER OF THE
JAPANESE EMBASSY, I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT WE CAN
PROBABLY DEAL WITH THE CURRENT DRIVE FOR RESTRICTIONS
ON IMPORTS OF STEEL BY NEGOTIATING A SHORT-TERM
VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT FOR SPECIALITY STEEL AND LAUNCHING
A BROADER STEEL SECTOR NEGOTIATION IN THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SUCH A
PACKAGE COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH THE MAIN SUPPLIERS
(JAPAN AND THE EEC) AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE OVERRIDDEN
BY THE CONGRESS.
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2. ARCTIC PIPELINES

JULIUS KATZ TESTIFIED TODAY BEFORE A JOINT HEARING
OF THE SENATE INTERIOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEES ON

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS TO BRING NATURAL GAS FROM ALASKA. KATZ DESCRIBED THE PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT PIPELINE TREATY WITH CANADA WE INITIALED ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS ON JANUARY 28.

EA - MR. HABIB

PHILIPPINE PUBLIC RELATIONS. AT LUNCH TODAY I GAVE MR. THOMPSON, EDITOR OF THE READER'S DIGEST, A GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE PHILIPPINES IN PREPARATION FOR MR. THOMPSON'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY AS A GUEST OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS. WE WILL NOTIFY AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN.

HIRC ACTION ON BINGHAM AMENDMENT. BOB MILLER CALLED DANTE FASCELL AND I TALKED WITH CONGRESSMEN BROOMFIELD AND HAMILTON, AT THE SUGGESTION OF H, SEEKING SUPPORT IN DEFEATING THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD LIFT CONTROLS ON FINANCIAL TRANSFERS AND TRADE WITH SOUTH VIET-NAM.

IO - LEWIS

AT SOMALI INSISTENCE, SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET FEB 18 ON FEB 4 DJIBOUTI INCIDENT. USUN EXPECTS SOME HARSH SOMALI WORDS DIRECTED AT BOTH FRENCH AND US. SINCE FRENCH REQUEST FOR MEETING PRECEDED SOMALI REQUEST, FRENCH WILL OPEN DEBATE AND PLAN TO HIT HARD AT SOMALI RESPONSIBILITY FOR FEB 4 INCIDENT. NEITHER FRENCH NOR SOMALIS HAVE YET INDICATED WHAT THEY EXPECT FROM SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AND IT IS CONCEIVABLE THEY WILL BE SATISFIED WITH CHANCE TO AIR THEIR VIEWS.

- MONROE LEIGH

-- I PARTICIPATED IN SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH
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CANADIAN LEGAL ADVISER AND CANADIAN DELEGATION SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE A DELIMITATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN THE BAY OF MAINE. ALL OF THIS PURSUANT TO YOUR AGREEMENT LAST OCTOBER TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. TO DATE CANADIANS HAVE NOT SHOWN ANY DISPOSITION TO MODIFY THEIR VIEW THAT WE MUST AGREE TO EQUIDISTANT LINE AS BOUNDARY. THIS, HOWEVER, LEAVES TOP ONE-THIRD OF GEORGE'S BANK TO CANADIANS AND WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. FISHING INTERESTS.

-- ALDRICH REVIEWED THE PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND WHICH WOULD COVER OUR FEW CONTINUING MILITARY/INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THAT COUNTRY. IF

ACCEPTABLE TO THE THAI, THESE ELEMENTS WILL GIVE US A SOLID BASIS FOR OUR OPERATIONS. WE ARE BEGINNING CIRCULAR 175 PROCESSING.

AF - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLELE, JR.

FRENCH AND BRITISH RECOGNITION OF MPLA: THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMED US THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA TODAY, FEBRUARY 17, AND THAT DUE TO DOMESTIC PRESSURES THE BRITIS' WILL RECOGNIZE TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 18. THE BRITISH APPARENTLY ATTEMPTED TO GET A COMMON POSITION BUT FAILED. THE GERMANS HAVE ASKED FOR AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF ANGOLA AT NEXT MONDAY'S FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

KENYAN ARMS ASSISTANCE DELEGATION: I HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE KENYAN DELEGATION WHO BEGAN DISCUSSIONS WITH US TODAY ON US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA. JOE SISCO ;AD ALREADY INFORMED THEM THAT WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DOLLARS 45 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FY 1975-79. THEY SEEMED PLEASED WITH THIS RESPONSE. THE KENYANS ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMALI TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST KENYA, ETHIOPIA AND THE FRENCH TERRITORY OF THE AFARS AND ISSAS AND DOUBT THAT THE OAU HAS THE INFLUENCE TO DETER ACTION BY SOMALIA. IN VIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED IN ANGOLA THEY FEAR THAT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WILL ASSIST THE SOMALIS IN ANY AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS
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WHICH T;EY MIGHT TAKE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

TOMORROW: I WILL BE IN NEW YORK SPEAKING AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

EUR - HARTMAN

I SPENT THE DAY ON THE HILL WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE HIRC IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF ANOTHER DISASTER ON TURKISH AID. DOC MORGAN ASKED HIS STAFF TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT FMS CASH SALES AND SOME CREDITS FOR TURKEY. LEE HAMILTON HAS BEEN TRYING TO NEGOTIATE THIS AMENDMENT WITH ROSENTHAL AND BRADEMAS IN ORDER TO AVOID A FLOOR FIGHT BUT IN THE PROCESS IT LOOKED TO ME AS THOUGH HE WAS AGREEING TO A BILL THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNBALANCED COMPLETELY IN THE DIRECTION OF GIVING ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND NOT TO TURKEY. AS OF TONIGHT JIM MICHAELS HAS SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING ONE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO GRANT FMS CASH SALES ON JULY ONE. BUT WE ARE STILL TRYING TO GET CREDIT AMOUNTS IN THE BILL FOR TURKEY. NO ONE HOLDS OUT ANY HOPE FOR

APPROVAL OF GRANT AID TO TURKEY EITHER AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE OR ON THE FLOOR. ALTHOUGH MORE CONGRESSMEN ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IF WE ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE OUR DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY, THIS ATTITUDE DOES NOT SEEM TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTIVITY ON OUR BEHALF AGAINST THE STRONG PRESSURES OF THE AMERICAN GREEK COMMUNITY WHICH IS IN FULL CRY.

ARA:HARYAN:ACTING

BUSINESSMEN'S CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICA: I SPOKE THIS MORNING AT A SAIS-SPONSORED CONFERENCE FOR SOME 150 CORPORATION EXECUTIVES ON THE TOPIC OF THE LATIN AMERICAN BUSINESS CLIMATE. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED SOL LINOWITZ, CONGRESSMAN WHELAN, GABRIEL VALDEZ OF UNDP AND ALEX ORFILA. THE THRUST OF THE DISCUSSION WAS POSITIVE WITH A GENERAL FEELING THAT WITH THE U.S. ECONOMIC UPTURN, CONFIDENTIAL

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THINGS IN LATIN AMERICA WILL SOON IMPROVE. COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS REPRESENTATIVE AND ORFILA MADE A POSITIVE PITCH FOR BUSINESS SUPPORT ON THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE AND WHELAN CALLED FOR A STRONG STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF YOUR CARACAS SPEECH AT TOMORROW'S SESSION.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE: I ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE CONFERENCE WE, CU AND THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ARE RUNNING HERE FOR U.S. AND LATIN AMERICAN TECHNICAL LEVEL EXPERTS ON INTER-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL RESULT IN OPENING CHANNELS OF PRACTICAL COMMUNICATION ON THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROBLEM AND GET US AWAY FROM THE POINTLESS RHETORIC WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED EARLIER MEETINGS ON THIS TOPIC HELD AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT WE MAY HAVE SOME SUCCESS.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

HOUSE:

ANGOLA. AFTER A LONG DEBATE, THE HIRC TODAY DROPPED AMELIORATING AMENDMENTS BY FRASER AND SOLARZ AND ADOPTED A NEW FASCELL AMENDMENT CUTTING OFF ALL ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED IN ADVANCE BY CONGRESS.

FUNDING FOR MISSILE SYSTEMS. A DUPONT AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED FUNDING FOR THE SUPPLY OF PERSHING-TYPE MISSILES OUTSIDE OF NATO WAS DEFEATED BY A VOICE VOTE.

FUNDING FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. DUPONT WITHDREW HIS

AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF FAA FUNDS FOR SUPPLYING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS OR FUELS TO ISRAEL OR EGYPT. MEXICAN JAILS. A FASCELL AMENDMENT TO REQUEST THE PRESIDENT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO OUR CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF US CITIZENS ARRESTED IN MEXICO, AND REQUIRING REPORTS ON SUCH TREATMENT, WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITHOUT DISSENT. CYPRUS REFUGEES. ALSO PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE WAS AN AMENDMENT OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN RIEGLE TO INCREASE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLOCATION FOR REFUGEE RELIEF IN CYPRUS FROM \$30 MILLION TO \$50 MILLION. AID FOR LEBANON. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI PROPOSED \$10 MILLION FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF LEBANON FROM SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FUNDS, BUT WITHDREW HIS AMENDMENT AFTER IT BECAME CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE ENCUMBERED WITH A WOLFF AMENDMENT PROHIBITING ANY SUCH FUNDS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PLO OR RELATED ORGANIZATIONS. CIA OPERATIONS. THE HARRINGTON AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT COVERT OPERATIONS WAS DEFEATED RESOUNDINGLY. OTHER. AMENDMENTS ON LIMITING ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE, BANNING ASSISTANCE TO BRAZIL, AND DELETING SPECIAL HOUSING GUARANTEES WERE EITHER DEFEATED RAPIDLY OR WITHDRAWN. TOMORROW: DEBATE IS SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE AT 11:30 AND THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE VOTED OUT OF THE COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. TIME WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TURKEY-GREECE-CYPRUS PROBLEM, THE INTERIM QUARTER AUTHORIZATION, AND TRADE WITH VIETNAM. THE COMMITTEE MAY, OF COURSE, DECIDE TO ENTERTAIN ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS AND EXTEND DEBATE.

SENATE: -
LITTLE CONTROVERSIAL ACTION. THE SENATE REJECTED A GOLDWATER-HELMS AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD LINK GRAIN TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION TO ANGOLA, AND REJECTED A TOWER

AMENDMENT PERMITTING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ARMS SALES TO BE CLASSIFIED. SEVERAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS FROM SENATOR NUNN WERE ADOPTED ALONG WITH A STONE AMENDMENT RESTRICTING AID TO COUNTRIES HARBORING TERRORISTS. THE REAL ACTION WILL COME TOMORROW WHEN A NUMBER OF MORE CONTROVERSIAL AMENDMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED. THUS FAR WITH ONE EXCEPTION (THE EAGLETON AMENDMENT WHICH RESTRICTS ELIGIBILITY), HUMPHREY AND CASE HAVE HELD TO THE AGREEMENT TO RESIST FURTHER AMENDMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

2. TRADE WITH VIETNAM. AFTER MUCH UNCERTAINTY, BINGHAM HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS AMENDMENT TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL IN THE HIRC TO PRECLUDE MOST LIMITATIONS ON TRADE, FUTURE FINANCIAL TRANSFERS, AND

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TRAVEL TO VIETNAM. IN A "DEAR COLLEAGUE" LETTER, BINGHAM ASKS FOR SUPPORT AND ACCEPTS AN AMENDMENT GILMAN INTENDS TO PROPOSE RESTRICTING THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO TO 180 DAYS IN THE EVENT ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON THE MIA'S IS NOT FORTHCOMING IN THAT TIME. THE HIRC IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON BINGHAM'S AMENDMENT. THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN MAKING OUR OPPOSITION TO THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT CLEAR AND OUR POSITION IS SUPPORTED BY MORGAN AND BROOMFIELD, THE VOTE COULD BE CLOSE.

3. KENNEDY STAFF TO SAIGON - KENNEDY STAFFERS DEHAAN AND ?INKER ARE ENROUTE TO SAIGON, VIA PARIS, VIENTIANE AND HANOI, TO PICK UP THE REMAINS OF THE TWO MARINES KILLED DURING THE EVACUATION OF SAIGON. YOU WILL RECALL THAT KENNEDY RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE TWO MARINES IN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH DRV FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH LAST NOVEMBER. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE RESPONDED AND HAVE ASKED THE UNHCR TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STAFF DELEGATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SAIGON ON FEBRUARY 22.

4. NOMINATIONS AND FSO PROMOTION LIST - THE SFRC VOTED OUT THE NOMINATIONS OF RIDGEWAY, Z'RH Ellen AND SHAW. THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE FSO PROMOTION LIST. SHAW, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL DESIGNATE FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, WAS TOLD TO MAKE GREATER USE OF HIS AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE PROGRAMS NOT SERVING US INTERESTS. PERCY STATED THAT IT WAS SHOCKING THAT TERMINATION AUTHORITY HAD BEEN USED BUT ONCE, AND ASSURED SHAW HE WOULD BE ASKED TO REAPPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ADVISE IT ON CHANGES IN THE IG OPERATION.

5. ALASKAN PIPELINE - JULIUS KATZ TESTIFIED ON THE ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION ISSUE AT AN OVERSIGHT HEARING CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE SENATE COMMERCE AND INTERIOR COMMITTEES. HE DESCRIBED THE US-CANADA PIPELINE TREATY WHICH WAS INITIALED ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS JANUARY 28. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION, FEA, DOT, INTERIOR AND TREASURY ALSO APPEARED. THE SESSION EVOLVED INTO A TUG OF WAR BETWEEN SENATOR STEVENS, WHO ADVOCATES TRANSPORTING ALASKAN GAS TO THE LOWER FORTY EIGHT STATES THROUGH AN ALASKAN PIPELINE TO TANKERS WHICH WOULD UNLOAD

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IN CALIFORNIA, AND SENATOR MONDALE, WHO FAVORS A TRANS-CANADA PIPELINE TO THE MIDWEST. ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES REMAINED NEUTRAL, BUT NOTED THAT LEGISLATION WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SPEED UP THE COMPLEX DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

6. SPANISH TREATY - THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE LETTER
TRANSMITTING THE TREATY TO THE SENATE.

7. CALL BY DON OBERDORFER - DON OBERDORFER, WHOM YOU WILL
REMEMBER FROM HIS DAYS COVERING THE WHITE HOUSE, HAS BEEN
ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE WASHINGTON
POST. HE WILL REPLACE MARILYN BERGER. I TALKED WITH HIM
BRIEFLY TODAY ON THE STATUS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGIS-
LATION AND CURRENT BASE NEGOTIATIONS. INGERSOLL

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